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Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Human resources management

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 17 September 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the question of the proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission under item 118, in conjunction with item 164, entitled "Human resources management", at its 55th and 58th meetings, on 27 and 31 March 2000. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/54/SR.55 and 58).

3. For its consideration of the question, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission (A/54/695 and Corr.1) and the report of the Secretary-General on regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General (A/54/710 and Corr.1).

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II. Consideration of a draft decision proposed by the Chairman

4. At its 58th meeting, on 31 March, having heard a statement by the representative of Cuba, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, and on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it defer consideration of this question until its fifty-fifth session (see para. 6).

5. Following the adoption of the draft decision, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Tunisia and Cuba (see A/C.5/54/SR.58).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission

The General Assembly decides to defer consideration of the question of the proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission until its fifty-fifth session.